

Christmas Will Be Happily Observed

How The Day Will Be Spent In St. John — A Holiday For Many, But Some Must Work — Amusement In Various Forms To Attract The Crowds — The Season Comes But Once A Year.

Christmas day will be observed quietly and happily by the majority of the people in the city. Practically all places of employment will be closed and the workers will have the satisfaction of enjoying a well earned rest.

For some, however, there will be no holiday. The policemen will be on duty before sunrise in the morning and keep a watchful eye on the streets and maintain order until seven in the evening, when another band of stalwart men who have been sleeping during the day will take their place.

The postman will have a hard morning of it and will probably be many hours behind schedule when he completes his round. Yet he has the satisfaction of knowing he is bringing happy messages into many homes, and besides the postman is not altogether forgotten so far as Christmas presents are concerned.

The employees of express companies will be kept on the jump. In the telegraph offices men will be over checking instruments and small boys will hurry all over the city with messengers. The men who look after the trains will be unable to leave their respective posts.

Double Wages at the Winter Port.
At the winter port the ship laborers will be in full swing but the ship laborers will receive double wages, as compensation and many will return to their homes at night with more than six dollars in their pockets.

For the many, however, the day will be full of good cheer and happiness. To begin with there will be the delight of staying in bed an hour or two later, that is unless the kids get up at four o'clock and make an awful noise playing with the things Santa Claus has brought them.

Then there will be the pleasure of being happy over the presents received, which signify love and joy and careful planning; probably Willie and Mary have been scheming for many weeks how to obtain with about 30 cents presents for father and mother and five sisters and brothers.

Then after breakfast most families, including many persons who hardly ever attend, will go to church, greeting all their friends with "A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year" on the way. Everybody will be "one and substantial smile" just like Mrs. Fitz-

zlewig. In the churches special programmes of Christmas music have been arranged and appropriate sermons will be preached.

Then Comes The Dinner.
After church there will be a great dinner of turkey and plum pudding, and many other good things. What does it matter if turkey costs 28 or 30 cents a pound and eggs 60 cents a dozen? There is only one Christmas in a year!

In the afternoon a quiet time will be spent. The little girls can play with their dolls and the small boys will probably try his new skates. Big sister will eat the chocolates or read the book that has been sent her; big brother can stay in and play with the kids or else go out with the fellows, while father and mother will also find quiet ways to enjoy themselves.

The moving picture shows will open at ten o'clock in the morning and will also be in full swing. The curling enthusiasts will have an opportunity of playing their first game of the season. Besides the amusements of the morning, in the afternoon and evening there will be performances at the Opera House when the Robinson Opera Company will put on the Mikado at the matinee, and The Show Girl at night.

Skating, Perhaps.
If there is not too much snow probably many will enjoy skating at Lily Lake, while many others will rejoice in a long walk out in God's country.

At the Provincial Hospital a special dinner will be provided for the patients as is the custom. Last year there was a great feast and at its conclusion a male patient turned to a companion and remarked:—"Say, John, hasn't this been a great dinner?"

"Yes," replied the other, "but we could have a dinner like this every day if we only had some of that \$35, 933 raffle-off of George McAvity's!" This is a fact.

On Sunday there will be an opportunity of recovering from the had effects of the celebration, should there be any, and on Monday work will begin again. The spirit of Christmas, however, will remain with many and as in the past their deeds will show it in a happy and successful new year.

HAS POOR OPINION OF PRESENT SCHEME FOR NAVY ISLAND BRIDGE

Ald. Potts Condemns North End Site—Must Be Central, He Says—Whole Thing Waste Of Money.

Ald. Potts has ideas of his own about a bridge from Carleton coast of the harbor. He does not favor the proposal to have the bridge enter the city at Simons street and to a Standard reporter last evening gave some of his reasons for his stand.

"All the heavy traffic from Carleton," he said, "comes to Dock street, Water street and King street. If the teams have to go around by way of Simons street and the North End they will be more quickly by ferry even if the bridge is built to reach the city at a central point and I favor the bridge proposition but I certainly am opposed to the site which we shall get for nothing in a few years, and possibly be able to collect something for the rights which go with the erection of the bridge."

The whole scheme as now proposed is not as smooth as it looks. When the Carleton people cross now they pay one cent and if they came by street car across the bridge it would cost them five cents, to say nothing of the tolls if we were decided to impose such charges.

The Ferry Goes On Forever.

"For myself, I am looking after the ferry first, last and all time. No matter how many bridges may be built, we will have to have the ferry just the same. I will not say I am opposed to the bridge proposition but I certainly am opposed to the city expending \$250,000 now for something which we shall get for nothing in a few years, and possibly be able to collect something for the rights which go with the erection of the bridge."

"I believe the Dominion Government will be obliged to build a bridge across the harbor in a very few years, so that the traffic on the Grand Trunk Pacific when the latter has built its terminus here."

When asked concerning this he put the question by the remark that Calgary had grown a great deal in the two years since The Standard representatives had been there. "The city of Calgary," he continued, "is a good home, and it is an absorbing interest to me to watch the development of the irrigated area near by."

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Hand Crushed, But How Is a Yster

Michael Berbeau, An Indian, Staggered Into Depot Yesterday Afternoon With Mangled Member—Was Too Intoxicated To Talk—Taken To Hospital In Ambulance Where Amputation Was Found Necessary.

As a result of having his left hand mangled in the I.C.R. yard, yesterday afternoon, Michael Berbeau, an Indian, had the injured member amputated at the hospital last evening. Dr. W. W. White performing the operation.

About four o'clock yesterday afternoon persons in the depot noticed an Indian, apparently under the influence of liquor, stagger into the waiting room and on closer inspection saw that his left hand was frightfully mangled. The man was apparently too drunk to answer questions and after a few minutes went out. He made his way to the I. C. R. freight shed on Pond street where Mr. Thos. McHugh, seeing the condition of his hand, took him into the office and notified Mr. L. R. Ross, the terminal agent.

Mr. Ross at once telephoned for the ambulance, which quickly responded and the man who was by that time too much under the influence of liquor to walk was taken to the hospital. Here his hand was examined by Dr. White, who found it necessary to resort to amputation.

How Berbeau came to be injured is a mystery. He arrived in the city on Wednesday evening with a quantity of axe handles which he sold yesterday morning. After selling them he proceeded to celebrate. He was not accompanied by anyone nor had anyone been seen with him at any time during the day.

On enquiry at the hospital last evening it was learned that the Indian had not recovered from the effects of liquor sufficiently to give an account of how the accident happened.

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FACE BADLY CUT BY JUMPING FROM I.C.R. MOTOR CAR

Leonard Garnett Painfully Injured At Island Yard—Misjudged Distance And Fell On His Head.

While jumping from a moving car near the Island yard yesterday afternoon, Leonard Garnett, an employee of the I. C. R. motor car, fell on the track and cut his face severely. He was taken into the I. C. R. round house and the wounds were dressed. He was then able to proceed to his home.

The accident happened about one o'clock. Mr. Garnett had been to dinner and was walking out when he was overtaken by the I. C. R. motor car. He jumped on the car and when it arrived at the Island yard the switch was open and the car did not stop. Wishing to get off Mr. Garnett jumped, but he had not judged the distance and struck on his face with considerable force.

Mr. Garnett's nose was badly cut and his cheek painfully bruised. He will be confined to his home for some days.

NOT MUCH SYMPATHY IN CANADIAN UNIONS FOR RAILWAY STRIKE

Local Representatives Say No Canvass Is Being Made—Machinists Badly Bitten In Strike Last Year.

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TIMES WINS OUT FROM STAR OUTFIT

In a hotly contested match on Victoria alleys yesterday afternoon the Times quartette defeated the Star outfit, capturing three points. The game was very close and though the Sun men were handicapped by the absence of Crandall they put up a good fight.

McCaferly rolled his usual steady game. For the Sun Howard was high man and did great work. Clarke also rolled well. Yesterday's game winds up the newspaper league. The Telegram won the cup offered by the Sun for the series. The Sun had had luck to contend with but showed great improvement in the last two games. The Star and Standard rolled very unevenly but managed to get a fair mark each time.

Following are the scores:

	Times	Star
Taylor	83 76 82 241—80 1-3	
Stelling	69 70 72 211—70 1-3	
Dever	67 83 78 228—76	
McCaferly	76 92 78 246—82	
	295 321 310 926	
Sun.		
Howard	61 84 83 242—80 2-3	
Tonlon	72 65 82 219—73	
Clarke	78 79 79 236—78 2-3	
Crandall	63 70 72 209—69 2-3	
	282 308 316 906	

Following is the final standing of the league:

	Won	Lost	P.C.
Telegram	27	15	81
Standard	17	15	53
Times	15	17	46
Sun	2	30	62

LEADER OF ALBERTA OPPOSITION SPEAKS OF CALGARY'S GROWTH

R. D. Bennett In City Yesterday Is Enthusiastic Over Rapid Development—Lays Out An Acre.

Mr. R. D. Bennett, K. C., of Calgary, member of the Alberta Legislature and leader of the Small opposition in that House, reached this city yesterday on his way to Albert county to pay his usual Christmas visit to his mother. Mr. Bennett is not leaving Calgary at present though his name was much used in the press as a probable manager of the cement consolidation.

When asked concerning this he put the question by the remark that Calgary had grown a great deal in the two years since The Standard representatives had been there. "The city of Calgary," he continued, "is a good home, and it is an absorbing interest to me to watch the development of the irrigated area near by."

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FAMILY RESCUED WITH DIFFICULTY FROM THE FLAMES

House At Old Fort Occupied By Bliss Cox Burned Early This Morning—Cause Is a Mystery.

Bliss Cox and family living in a one storied structure at the Old Fort Carleton were awakened this morning to find their home in flames by the fire brigade which had been advised of the outbreak and had rushed to the scene of its occurrence. They were rescued from the burning house with difficulty.

Mr. Cox, who is a stoveredore employed at the Allan wharf, retired last night, with everything apparently in ship shape and is at a loss to account for the subsequent visitation of the fire which destroyed his home.

The fire was first seen issuing from the roof in the vicinity of the chimney and it is thought that a defective workman had been at the chimney. The house is the property of Mr. Hiram Nice.

HIBERNIANS PRESENT GIFT AND ADDRESS TO RETIRING PRESIDENT

John C. Ferguson Made Recipient Of Gold Headed Cane Last Evening—F. L. Barrett His Successor.

At the regular meeting of Division No. 1, A.O.H., held in their rooms on Union street, last evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, F. L. Barrett; secretary, J. J. Donovan; recording secretary, J. G. McDermott; fin. sec., W. H. Coates; treasurer, J. R. McCloskey.

Speeches were delivered by the retiring and newly elected officers, and a pleasing incident of the evening was a presentation of a gold headed cane and address to Mr. John C. Ferguson, the retiring president, who had occupied the position during the last four years.

The Address.
Mr. F. L. Barrett, the newly elected president, made the presentation on behalf of the members and read the following address:

John C. Ferguson, Esq.:
Dear Sir and Brother:—On your retirement from the presidency of our Division we feel that it is only fitting that we should convey to you, however inadequately, our sincere appreciation for the many years you have labored in the interest of our Division (16 years ago) up to the present day, you have taken a very prominent part in the affairs of Hibernians in the Maritime Provinces and particularly in the interest of our Division. Taking into consideration the fact that a busy man, like yourself, has little time to devote to the many exacting duties of a society officer, we assure you we are deeply grateful and your efforts for the good of our order will not soon be forgotten. Trusting that you will be spared to us for many years to come, we beg you to accept this token of friendship, not for its intrinsic value, but as a remembrance of the many years you have faithfully labored in the interests of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in this city your labors have been fully appreciated. Wishing you the complete enjoyment of the happy season we are about to enter.

We remain,
The Officers and Members of Div. No. 1, A. O. H.,
St. John, N. B., Dec. 23, 1902.

Mr. Ferguson responded feelingly, thanking them for their kindness, conveying his best wishes for the continued success and prosperity of Hibernianism, and paying a tribute to the work being accomplished by the order.

BEST LOCAL OPTION LAW OF ANY PROVINCE.

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We have no three-fifths clause. If a majority of those voting upon the question declare against the granting of licenses none are issued. The rule of the majority is recognized. The decision stands for three years or until reversed, but no vote can be taken again until three years have elapsed. Several valuable amendments were made to the License Act. Bars now open at seven in the morning, instead of six, and close every Saturday afternoon at five o'clock. The workers are paid at five on Saturdays, and they come out of the shop with their week's pay to find that the bars are closed and will not be open again until after they go back to work on Monday morning. The bars are also closed on every public holiday. All screens are removed from bar windows and doors, and the interior can be seen from the outside as distinctly as the interior of drug stores or groceries, and as a result they do not contain so many loungers now.

Every lover of moral reform should be grateful to the present administration for this advanced legislation, it went into effect only on the first of last May, and as time passes its real value will be more and more appreciated. It puts into the hands of the electors of every community the right to deal with the liquor traffic as public opinion in each locality directs.

PRESENTATION TO JOHN W. RUSK BY I.C.R. EMPLOYEES

Freight Department Checkers And Porters Give Popular General Foreman Smoking Outfit With Address.

A pleasant function took place in the freight office of the I. C. R. yesterday afternoon when Mr. John W. Rusk, general foreman of the I. C. R. freight department at St. John, was presented with a handsome pipe and tobacco pouch filled with choice smoking material by the checkers and porters of the I. C. R.

About 5.30 o'clock Mr. Rusk was much surprised on entering his office to see all the checkers and employes standing in the room. He inquired what the trouble was and in reply Mr. John B. Robinson made the presentation and read an address conveying to Mr. Rusk the compliments of the season and wishing him long life and happiness for the future.

Mr. Rusk although very much surprised, replied with much feeling, thanking the men for their kind wishes and for the present. He would never fill the pipe, he said, without thinking of the boys who presented it to him. He wished the men one and all, a very merry Christmas and hoped that all would live to see many more to come.

Three hearty cheers were then given for Mr. Rusk and the ceremony came to an end.

COPENHAGEN HEARS NOTHING FROM COOK

Copenhagen, Dec. 23.—The University of Copenhagen, having received no communication from Dr. Frederik A. Cook since its verdict was rendered no longer expects to hear anything further from the explorer. Dr. Salomonsen, rector of the university, said today that he was convinced that Dr. Cook would remain in hiding as long as possible. He believes that Dr. Cook is in Europe.

"Brussels, Dec. 23.—No trace can be found of Dr. Cook either here or at Ostend, although there is a possibility that he left by steamer last night for Dover. M. Locoinde, director of the Brussels Observatory, said this evening that he had received no word from Cook and that he believed the doctor would certainly have visited or communicated with him if he had come to Brussels.

HOCKEY TEAM GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS

At a meeting of the St. John senior hockey players held in Queens rink last evening, Mr. G. M. Paterson was elected captain of the team and Mr. James Kennedy manager. Messrs. E. P. Howard, G. M. Paterson, Jas. Kennedy were appointed a committee to pick the team.

After the meeting Captain Paterson had his team out for practice and they showed up well. "Pat" was after his men all the time and kept them on the go, nor did he spare himself. McMichael acted as coach and kept up a hot fire from the side lines. Paterson refereed the practice game.

The present last evening were Cribbs, Philps, Sandall, Inches, Paterson, Clawson, Gale, McKenzie, Flood, McAvity, Fraser, McLeod and Kennedy. "Bumps" McAvity and Gale were the new men. Cribbs showed up well as goal keeper and made some difficult stops. Kennedy was as usual working hard and doing lots, while Inches, Clawson, Philps and Paterson kept the boys together.

Then we are all in good shape and promise good fast hockey this season.

NEW BRUNSWICK GUIDES IN ANNUAL SESSION

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 23.—The annual meeting of the New Brunswick Guides' Association was held at the Queen Hotel this afternoon and was largely attended. Reports submitted showed that big game was on the increase but owing to unfavorable weather conditions non-resident sportsmen had not been as successful during the past season as in previous years which means that there was less game killed.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:
Honorary President, Surveyor General Grimmer; President, Thomas H. Pringle; Stanley; Vice-president, Ed. Ward Menzies, Newcastle; Secretary, Treasurer, R. P. Allen, Fredericton.

Executive Committee, W. H. Allen, Adam Moore, Burton Moore, Lorenzo Savage, Charles Cremin, Arthur Pringle and the President.
Committee on membership, Henry Braithwaite, David Cremin and W. H. Griffin.

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LATE SHIPPING

Canadian Ports.
Halifax, Dec. 23.—Ard: Strs St. Pierre, Miquelon, (Br.) from St. Pierre; Lake Michigan (Br.) from St. John, N. B., and sid for London; sch Loyd (Br) from Perth Amboy. (Cld: Schs James William, (Br.) from New York via Lunenburg, N.S.; Hugh John (Br.) for New York via Liverpool, N. S.

British Ports.
London, Dec. 23.—Sid: Strs Montreal for St. John, N. B.; Pomeranian for Halifax.
Glasgow, Dec. 23.—Ard: Strs Cassandra from St. John, N. B. Liverpool, Dec. 23.—Sid: Str Canada for Portland.
London, Dec. 23.—Sid: Str Minnewaska for New York.
Plymouth, Dec. 23.—Ard: Str Mantic from New York for Cherbourg and Southampton (and proceeded).
Liverpool, Dec. 23.—Ard: Str Campania from New York.
Brow Head, Dec. 23.—Signalled: Str Montrose from St. John, N. B., and Halifax for London and Antwerp.

NEARING END, CONFESSES TO TWO MURDERS

Special to The Standard. Toronto, Dec. 23.—With the confession that he had murdered two men upon his lips, Pavel Steffoff, convicted of the murder of Hans Semoff last April calmly went to his death in the Toronto jail this morning. The drop was made at 5.08 o'clock and seven minutes later the doctor in attendance declared that life was extinct. The body was allowed to hang for five minutes more when it was cut down and removed to the medical room. Here the coroner's jury empaneled viewed the remains which were then placed in a pine box and interred in the jail yard.

For joyed ment. sented been t deavour. Christmas parcels are ne with the boys and tide fe that on for a Bright. Mrs. H. received cream her als. Jet (trip) decorated. Mrs. E. silk and white. Mrs. E. "Tad" Geo. V. Miss F. Mrs. W. Mrs. Schol. Stone. Mrs. eas at noon. Mrs. Fayloy received silk go mother. Mrs. E. room. Mrs. Millon. Annie. Mrs. has less honour. Mrs. Squares, progress day eve. Miss C. per, dan present. Pearl E. Mr. St. guests. Miss J. Blizzar. Miss E. Sturdee. Del Jac. Mrs. Messrs. chos. G. Laurence on Pe. Leavitt. Mr. D. St. John holidays. Mr. J. Thursday. Miss guest o. Miss day for spend the. Miss from Ne. the holl. Isabel. Miss ret. chos. Mrs. Wednes. spend C. H. S. B. Mr. F. morning. Mr. J. Saturday. Even at. Mrs. York on of her. Kingston and are. O'Connell. Miss Lowitt returned on Sat. Mr. C. New York. Miss Christmas. Mr. G. on the. Mrs. J. with his. McDonald. Mrs. J. with Mr. Tuesday the guest. Roberts. Miss N. a visit. Dr. an of Halifax. Mrs. Jan. Mrs. H. leave on 19. Dr. Dr. the holl. Dr. D. real on Col. and street. Mrs. an. Mrs. arri.